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# Budget for a Better Minnesota

*A Fair and Responsible Budget That Invests in the Middle Class*

Minnesota is at its best when our middle class is strong. That's why Governor Dayton's budget is squarely focused on improving the lives of middle class Minnesotans.

### How Governor Dayton's Budget Helps the Middle Class

- » **A Growing Economy that Creates Jobs.** The governor's budget will strengthen Minnesota's economy by supporting small business growth, making Minnesota more competitive, improving our roads, infrastructure and transit, and making important investments in Minnesota's economic future.
- » **A \$344 Million Investment in Education.** The governor's budget makes a major investment in early education scholarships and provides access to All-Day Kindergarten for 85% of Minnesota Kindergartners. His budget increases school funding by \$344 million – or \$339 for every student in the state.
- » **Tax Fairness for Middle Class Minnesotans.** The governor's budget makes needed investments in education and job creation through closing tax loopholes for large corporations and asking the wealthiest 2% of Minnesotans to pay their fair share in income taxes. This approach will make Minnesota's tax system fairer for the middle class.
- » **Making Higher Education More Affordable.** The governor's budget provides: \$80 million for the University of Minnesota and \$80 million for MnSCU, \$80 million for the State Grant Program making college more affordable for another 5,000 students.
- » **Investing in Property Tax Relief.** The governor's budget helps to repair the state partnership with local governments and helps them to pay for critical public services. The consequence of the declining investment over the past 10 years has been higher property taxes for Minnesotans. By investing \$120 million in aid to local governments the governor's budget helps keep property taxes down and starts to restore the state and local partnership.

### Middle Class Budget by the Numbers

<b>98%</b>	Percentage of Minnesotans who will see no income tax increase
<b>10,000</b>	Students who will receive early learning scholarships
<b>\$339</b>	Increase in K-12 school funding per student statewide
<b>85%</b>	Percentage of Kindergartners who will have access to All-Day K
<b>5,000</b>	Additional students whose higher education will be more affordable